(b) the broad details of the proposals sent to the Union Government by the Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(d) the fund if any, allocated to these States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (d). Project reports have been received from the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerla, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.

Under the Growth Centre Scheme, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh have been allotted 8, 5, 5, 3 and 4 Growth Centres, respectively. The final selection has been made in consultation with the State Governments.

The Government of Uttar Pradesh had sent 13 proposals which were Agra, Aligarh, Barabanki, Bulandshar, Basti, Etawah, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Jaunpur, Kanpur Dehat, Moradabad, Pauri Garhwal and Shahjahanpur. From out of these, the Districts of Bulandshar, Etawah, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Jaunpur, Moradabad, Pauri Garhwal and Shahjahanpur were selected.

The Government of Rajasthan had sent 10 proposals which were Bharatpur, Sawai Madhopur, Bhilwara, Jhalawar, Bikaner, Sirohi, Ajmer, Alwar, Dholpur and Behor. From out of these the Districts of Bhilwara, Jhalawar, Bikaner, Sirohi and Dholpur were selected.

The Government of Maharashtra had sent 12 proposals which were Parbhani, Chandrapur, Nanded, Nashik, Ratnagiri, Gadchiroli, Akola, Wardha, Kolhapur, Yavatmal, Wardha and Dhule. From out of these, the Districts of Akola, Chandrapur, Dhule, Nanded and Ratnagiri were selected.

The Government of Gujarat has sent 6 proposals which were Kutch, Banaskantha, Bharuch, Surendra Nagar. From out of these, the Districts of Kutch, Banaskantha and Bharuch were selected.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh had sent 8 proposals which were Nalgonda, Medak, Khammam, Vizianagaram, Prakasam Rajamundhry, Chitoor and Anantapur. From out of these the Districts of Khammam, Vizianagaram, Prakasam and Anantapur were selected.

From above States, only 4 projects from Andhra Pradesh, 4 from Rajasthan and 2 from Uttar Pradesh were received upto 31.3.1991 and a sum of Rs. 50 lakhs each was released to them.

Minimum Needs Programme

*114. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the performance under the Minimum Needs Programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the allotment made during the current year for this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir. There has been no survey or study conducted at the national level to ascertain the propress made

under the Minimum Needs Programme. However, the performance under the programme is revised in inter-ministerial meetings from time to time.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) An amount of Rs. 4282.07 crores was allocated for the Minimum Needs Programme during 1991-92.

20-Point Programme

*115. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 20-Point Programme is likely to be compressed into a 5-Point Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Setting up of Newsprint Industries

*116. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals for setting up of newsprint industries are pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals State-wise; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

(c) Government will take a view on these proposals in accordance with established procedures.

STATEMENT

Uttar Pradesh

(i) An application dated 9.1.1991 from Shri R.K. Aggarwal for grant of letter of Intent for manufacture of (i) Sugar (45,000 tonnes), (ii) Newsprint (30,000 tonnes) and (iii) Industrial Alcohol/Potable Alcohol (28,000 tonnes) in district Ghaziabad (U.P.) at a total capital cost of Rs. 81 crores.

Assam

(i) An application dated 17.2.1992 from Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd., (Central Public Sector) for the grant of Letter of Intent for manufacture of 20,000 tonnes per annum of Newsprint within the overall licensed capacity of 1 lakh tonnes of paper and paper boards at its Cachar Paper Mill in Assam, involving installation of some balancing equipment valued at Rs. 3 crores.

(ii) An application dated 17.2.1992 from Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd., (Central Public Sector) for the grant of Letter of Intent for manufacture of 20,000 tonnes per annum of newsprint within the overall licensed capacity of 1 lakh tonnes of paper and paper boards at its Nagaon Paper Mill in Assam.